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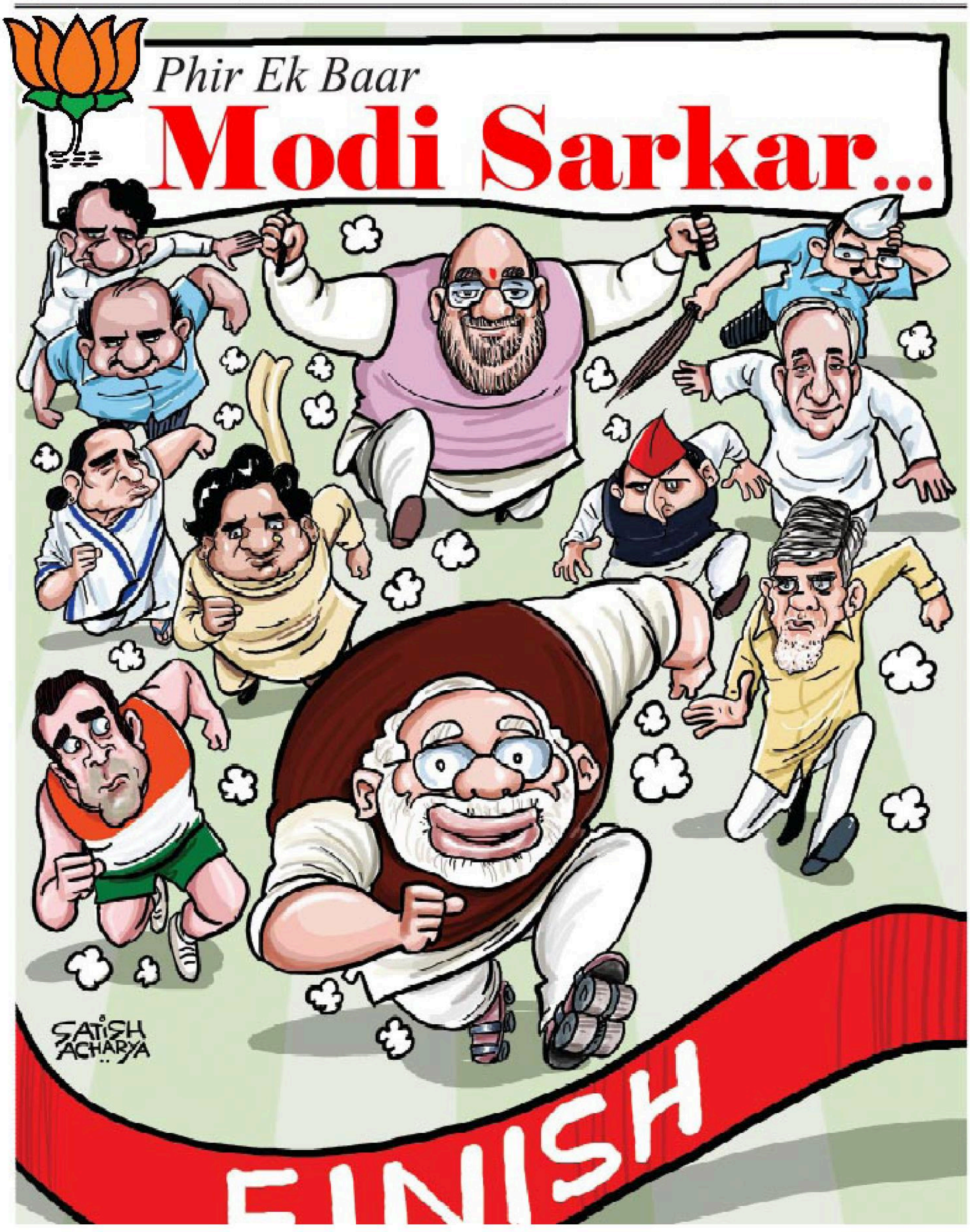

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."
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Mysuru, Thursday 23rd May 2019

Monitoring the mind

Moments of happiness and sadness, anger and frustration, depression and excitement, not to forget reconciliation and quiet reflection in the journey of life mirror the magical side of our mind. Everything that irritates us about others can lead us to an understanding of ourselves as the renowned psychoanalyst Carl Jung (1875-1961) has said. Physical health, both inherited and maintained until advancing age, that needs vigil in not straying is intimately connected with mental health, prompting the cognoscenti to stress that a healthy body hosts a healthy mind. Global reports being published in restricted circles say that one in every four people is likely to face one or the other kind of mental health challenge at some point in their life. Medical Science is marked by great strides in unravelling the causes of mental illness by imaging the brain. Neurologists, neurosurgeons and psychiatrists, complementing society's mentors are the core of professionals but for whose inputs the land's mental health scenario would be beyond words. Society owes a deep debt of gratitude to them and also those who are behind the complex equipment and drugs being used in diagnosing the mental illnesses and deciding the treatment.

According to Buddhist thought, mind is likened to a monkey, being unsettled and restless. The analogy may sound humorous though actually quite salient because of the constant chatter of the mind distracting us from activities that need to be pursued to complete tasks in daily life.

Negative thoughts, a characteristic of those bugged by failure to fulfil their aspirations and positive outlook in even situations that have gone out of hand have been debated and written about by knowledgeable persons with tips and tricks that help in *taming* the monkey mind, read calming the restlessness. Stressed by a long list of *to-do* jobs, threatened by fears, both real and imaginary, recalling hurtful episodes that have happened in the past, creating catastrophic *what if* scenarios in one's mind about future and so on are identified by cognoscenti as impediments to enjoying the present, apart from enabling us to concentrate. The benefits of *meditation*, particularly of quieting the monkey mind, prescribed by the land's ancient thinkers, are currently upheld in circles of scientists as tried-and-valid method for dispelling negative thoughts and fear.

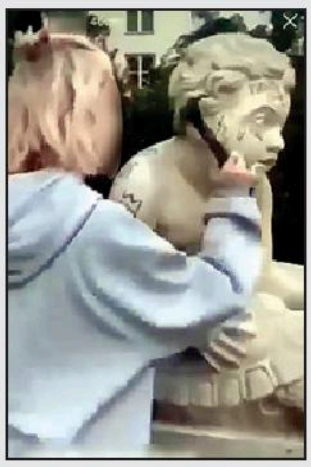
Self-help in monitoring one's mind is not everybody's cup of tea, particularly in circumstances of being *alone*. Avoiding the feeling of *loneliness* despite staying alone is the crux of monitoring one's mind.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

SHOULD STUDENTS BE MADE TO CARRY SCHOOL BAGS LIKE DONKEYS?: ***Schools prepare students for jobs, including as beasts of burden. People who travel by trains must have noticed that the red-shirt brigade of ubiquitous porters, the beasts of burden on the platform, is a vanishing breed. Instead, sweepers dominate the scene. When menial jobs are advertised by the Railways, thousands of graduates apply. Should red-shirt coolies return to the platforms as porters, many of today's students would be eligible to apply because they have experience in carrying school bags weighing half their weight to school and back.*** *—John B. Monteiro in The New Indian Express*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Model breaks old statue with hammer for video



Warsaw: A young model and online influencer with over 6,000 followers on Instagram, was widely criticised after a video shot by a friend showed her smashing the nose of a 200-year-old statue with a hammer went viral.

Julia Słońska, the model was forced to issue a grovelling apology after a video of her smashing the nose of a post-war statue in Warsaw received massive criticism online. The shocking video shows the model holding a hammer and asking the person behind the camera if they are filming before proceeding to smash the statue's nose to smithereens.

The pair then laugh as they walk away leaving the now-noseless statue to be discovered by local authorities. It is believed that it was a stunt meant to attract social media followers.

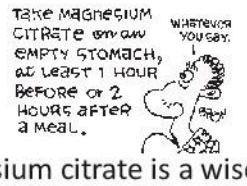
The beautiful side of mold

Moscow: An online community in Russia are growing mold, the fungi commonly associated with death and decay as it is truly is a thing of beauty for them and they have the photos to prove it.

'Mom, I Have Grown Mold' is a growing community of mold enthusiasts who love uploading their own photos of mold and commenting on those uploaded by other members. The public group was created back in 2015 on a popular Russian social network and has grown to over 50,000 members, many of which constantly post intriguing photos of mold cultured they grow in their own homes. Some of them are actually quite intriguing, if you can get past your disgust and really appreciate the beauty behind it.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

What's the best kind of magnesium to take?



Magnesium citrate is a wise choice because of its superior absorbability. You can mix magnesium citrate powder with water and sip it throughout the day. Suggested dose (though needs vary): 600 MG.

** Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

Week-long Silver Jubilee celebration at Sri Krishnadhama from May 25

Mysuru, May 23 (RKB&DM)- The Silver Jubilee celebrations of Sri Krishnadhama on Sahukar Channaiah Road, Saraswathipuram in city will be held from May 25 to June 1.

Announcing this at a press meet here on Monday, Sri Krishna Trust Vice-President P. Jayaram Bhat said that Udupi Pejawar Mutt Seer Sri Vishwesha Teertha Swamiji will inaugurate the event at 6 pm on May 25.

Sri Vishwaprasanna Teertha Swamiji and University of Mysore Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar will be the guests of honour. Marking the celebrations, several religious, spiritual, cultural programmes and lectures will be held from morning till evening on all the days, he said.

Programmes on May 26 will begin with a seminar on 'Dharmakarmagala Marma' at 9.30 am. Vidwan H.V. Nagaraj Rao will be felicitated at 5.30 pm.

On May 28, the programme will begin with a seminar on women issues at 9.30 am. Vasanthotsava will be held on May 29. On May 31, veteran litterateur and *Saraswati Samman* awardee Dr. S.L. Bhyrappa will be conferred 'Krishnanugraha' award at 5.30 pm. The award carries a cash prize of Rs. 25,000 and a citation.

The valedictory of the celebrations will take place at 6 pm on June 1, in which Minister G.T. Devegowda, MP Pratap Simha, Mayor Pushpalatha Jagannath, MLAs S.A. Ramdas and L. Nagendra and others will take part, Jayaram Bhat said and added that a souvenir titled 'Rajatha Darshana' will be brought out marking the occasion.

Trust office-bearers H.B. Ramakanth, Vidwan G.N. Bhat, P.V. Nagesh, Ravi Shastri, P.G. Praveen and others were present at the press meet.

Really...?

- ***David Bowie used to think he was being stalked by someone who is dressed like a giant pink rabbit. Bowie noticed the fan at several recent concerts, but became alarmed when he got on a plane and the bunny was also on board.***
- ***The first Fords had engines made by Dodge.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

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Modi heading for second term

Modi Wave sweeps the Nation; Mahagathbandan fails to stop BJP onslaught

BJP Parliamentary Board meeting later today. PM likely to take oath on May 26

New Delhi, May 23- Just after 11 am today, as trends have stabilised, the NDA is leading in as many as 347 seats. The BJP-led NDA is almost certain to cross 340 seats in the 543-member Lok Sabha. Voting was held for 542 seats as election to Vellore seat has been countermanded.

At 2.30 pm, the UPA was leading in 87 seats with Congress leading in 52 seats. Other parties are leading in 105 seats.

PM Narendra Modi is likely to take oath on May 26 as the Prime Minister for the second term. In 2014 too, he took oath as PM on May 26 at 6 pm.

Modi will become the first non-Congress Prime Minister to return to power after a full five-year term. In 2014, Narendra Modi's BJP became the first party since Rajiv Gandhi's Congress in 1984 to win a full majority on its own; in 2019, it looks set to become the first party since Jawaharlal Nehru's Congress to return with a majority of its own.

This remarkable feat has been powered by a surge in the BJP's vote share almost everywhere across the country — a staggering achievement given the party had already set an almost impossibly high bar for itself in 2014.

Among the major States where it has a presence, the BJP has got more votes than in 2014 in Gujarat, Haryana, Jharkhand, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Delhi, Odisha, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, and West Bengal. In large parts of the country, the BJP's opponents can no longer claim the BJP does not have the support of the majority — in a dozen big States, the party has received more than 50% of the vote share.

While the final results are still hours away, the BJP workers have already started celebrating their sure-to-be victory. BJP cadre gathered at the party headquarters in New Delhi to rejoice on the occasion.

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Pratap Simha leads by over 1 lakh votes

Sumalatha stays ahead in Mandya; Prajwal set for win in Hassan; H.D. Deve Gowda trails in Tumakuru

Mysuru/Mandya/Hassan/Chamarajanagar, May 23 (OSR)- Victory Goddess is set to garland sitting Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha as he is leading by more than 1 lakh votes against Congress-JD(S) Coalition nominee and former CM Siddharamaiah's hand-picked candidate C.H. Vijayashankar.

In Mandya, Independent candidate Sumalatha Ambarish is leading with more than 85,000 votes in the 14th round of counting against Coalition candidate Nikhil Kumaraswamy. Coalition candidate R. Dhruvanarayan was leading by 10,000 votes against BJP's V. Sreenivasa Prasad in Chamarajanagar.

Coalition candidate Prajwal Revanna is heading towards a massive victory in Hassan against BJP's A. Manju.

The trends is a setback to ruling Congress-JD(S) Coalition in Old Mysore region as their candidates Nikhil Kumaraswamy, son of CM H.D. Kumaraswamy was trailing against Sumalatha. The only solace for the party is victory of Prajwal Revanna, who is also the grandson of former Prime Minister and JD(S) Supremo H.D. Deve Gowda.

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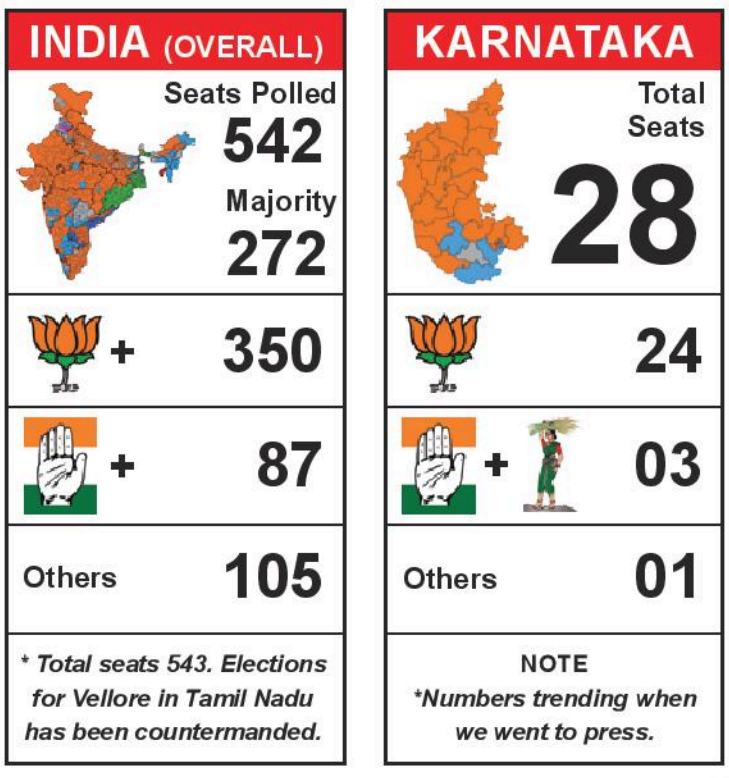

Key Candidates: Mysuru-Kodagu, Chamarajanagar and 'HMT'

Mysuru-Kodagu		Chamarajanagar		Hassan		Mandya		Tumakuru	
Pratap Simha	C.H. Vijayashankar	R. Dhruvanarayan	V. Sreenivasa Prasad	Prajwal Revanna	A. Manju	Sumalatha Ambarish	Nikhil Kumaraswamy	G. S. Basavaraj	H.D. Deve Gowda
(BJP)	(Cong + JD-S)	(Cong + JD-S)	(BJP)	(JD-S + Cong)	(BJP)	(Ind.)	(JD-S + Cong)	(BJP)	(JD-S + Cong)
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NEWS BRIEFS

Sale of magazines at half price

City Central Library main branch and other branches that come under its administration and also Seva Kendra libraries will be selling select magazines (excluding competitive exams magazines) published between April 2018 and March 2019 at half price from May 24 to June 6. Those interested may buy the same at the libraries located in their respective jurisdictions and must obtain cash receipts for the same, according to a press release.

Theatre Training at Natana

Natana Rangashale (Natana School of Theatre Arts) has been conducting Acting and Theatre Training for interested youths everyday from 5.30 pm to 9 pm. Auditions for one-year course (2019-20) will be held at the School premises in Ramakrishnanagar on May 25 at 9.30 am. Interested may contact Mob: 99455-55570 or 72595-37777, according to a press release.

Hostel Admission

The Social Welfare Department, Mysuru Taluk, has invited applications from students studying in 5th standard to 10th standard for admission to pre-matric girls hostel at V.V. Mohalla, Keelanapura, Jayapura, S. Kallahalli and pre-matric boys hostel at Kadakola. The application form should be submitted online through the Department website (www.sw.kar.nic.in) before June 25, according to press release. For details, contact Ph: 08221-2520910.

Date Extended

The last date has been extended for online applications that have been invited from candidates for admission to two-year B.Ed Course for 2019-20 under the Government quota in Government, aided and unaided B.Ed Colleges. Interested candidates can submit the application till May 31 through Department's website, www.schooleducation.kar.nic.in, according to a press release.

Admission to JSS Children's Hostel

Applications have been invited for admission (on dividing system) to JSS Children's Hostel at Bogadi 2nd Stage from those studying from 5th to 8th std. Selected students will be provided with food and accommodation. Applications can be obtained at the Children's Hostel. For details, contact K.S. Gowrishankaraswamy on Mob: 97414-52271 or K.S. Kumaraswamy on Mob: 99720-14655, according to a release.

Ladoo-cake, special Kamal Barfi add colour to BJP's partying mood

BJP workers wearing Modi masks prepare ladoos at New Delhi.

New Delhi, May 23- Ladoo-cake and special 'Pista Badam Kamal Barfi' has been ordered to reach the BJP Party Office today as part of celebrations with the ruling party expecting a big victory in the results of 2019 Lok Sabha elections.

If the BJP is able to get near the majority mark on its own and again form a party-led Government, it will be a first in the party's history. And its workers in the Delhi unit have already started preparations after exit polls predicted its victory. Special Ladoo-cakes and 'Pista Badam Kamal (party's symbol) Barfi' has already been ordered and more would be in the offing if results are as per the Party's expectations.

A party functionary has ordered 10 special Ladoo-cakes from a shop in the Bengali market. The largest of these — a 7-kg Ladoo-cake — will be taken to the Party Headquarters once the results become clear.

"We have ordered a special 7-kg Ladoo-cake for celebrating the party's victory. The cake will be cut in the evening when the results will become clear," said a party functionary who did not want to be named. He said nine Ladoo-cakes weighing 5 kg each have also been ordered. This Ladoo-cake costs Rs.1,000 per kg.

Besides this, Delhi BJP Spokesperson Praveen Shankar Kapoor in his personal capacity ordered 50 kg of special Pista Badam Kamal Barfi. Every kilogram of special Kamal Barfi costs Rs.2,000. As part of preparations, the Central BJP Headquarters has gateways in party colours. Flowers have also been arranged.

In Mumbai, the local Party Unit is making full preparations to celebrate with gigantic cakes and lakhs of ladoos, a party official said. Senior Party Legislator from Colaba Raj Purohit said that at least 100 kg of ladoos are being prepared for distribution to workers and members of public from each of the Assembly segments in the six Lok Sabha seats in Mumbai.

"Besides, we have ordered a massive 125-kg special cake to mark the BJP victory which will be cut by Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis tomorrow afternoon at the Party Headquarters," Purohit said.

> A gigantic 6x4 feet cake with special ingredients to project Prime Minister Narendra Modi as the future leader of not only India but the whole world.

A BJP Legislator from the city's Mumbadevi Assembly Constituency personally supervised the mouth-watering ladoos that are being prepared by experts at a sweetmeat outlet in his area.

"We are making a total of one-tonne (1,000 kgs) of ladoos or around 1,00,000 pieces to be distributed among our Constituency's activists and well-wishers after the victory of our candidates tomorrow," Party's National President Amit Shah said.

Besides, the Party will make a gigantic 6x4 feet (24 sq. feet) huge cake with special ingredients and projecting Prime Minister Narendra Modi as the future leader of not only India but the whole world. The cake will be cut by BJP City Chief Ashish Shelar and actress Poonam Dhillon.

Similar sweets and goodies have been ordered and are being prepared at various outlets in Delhi for other BJP candidates like Gopal Shetty (Mumbai North) and Poonam Mahajan (Mumbai North-Central), by activists or party leaders. Similar plans are being implemented in other cities like Nagpur, Pune, Aurangabad, Kolhapur and Nashik.

By-elections for 22 Assembly seats will decide the fate of TN Govt.

New Delhi, May 23-The entire nation awaits the results of the 17th Lok Sabha election today which is centred around the 542 Lok Sabha seats (voting in Vellore Parliamentary Constituency was cancelled on Apr.16 due to massive cash seizure).

However, amid the anticipation over the formation of the next Lok Sabha, 46 Assembly Constituencies across 13 States too will be getting new representatives on the same day.

The 46 Assembly seats, several of which could make or break an existing Government, are spread across the States of Maharashtra, Goa, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Nagaland, Puducherry, West Bengal, Karnataka (Kundagol and Chincholi) and Tamil Nadu, underwent by-polls for various reasons. These Assembly Constituencies voted over multiple phases between Apr.11 and May 19.

TN CM E. Palaniswami

While the Election Commission announced by-polls for 33 Assembly seats on Mar. 10 — the day general elections were announced — 13 other seats were added to the list during the course of 2019 General Election.

Among the different by-elections this season, the results in Tamil Nadu will be closely watched by political pundits. By-elections for 22 Assembly seats will decide the fate of E. Palaniswami Government in Tamil Nadu.

While 18 seats voted on Apr. 18, four others voted on May 19. The "mini Assembly elections" in Tamil Nadu were necessitated after 18 MLAs belonging to the AIADMK were disqualified by the Madras High Court in 2018, upholding Speaker P. Dhanapal's decision to cancel their membership under the anti-defection law. These disqualified MLAs had expressed no confidence in Chief Minister Palaniswami and backed rebel leader TTV Dhinakaran.

The AIADMK Government needs to win at least eight seats to retain a simple majority in the Assembly. If it fails to do so, Tamil Nadu may once again experience the political instability seen in the aftermath of former Chief Minister J. Jayalalithaa's death.

At present, the AIADMK has the support of 110 MLAs (including the Assembly Speaker). The DMK has the support of 98 MLAs, while Dhinakaran claims to have the backing of three MLAs.

By-polls for Panaji and Agra North

The by-polls for Panaji in Goa and Agra North in Uttar Pradesh have been necessitated due to the deaths of sitting BJP MLAs Manohar Parrikar and Jagan Prasad Garg, respectively. While the by-election in Uttar Pradesh is unlikely to have any impact on the Government, the results of the Panaji by-poll may determine the stability of the BJP-led alliance in Goa.

Meanwhile, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Kamal Nath is contesting from his pocket borough of Chhindwara in order to enter the State Assembly.

VOICE OF THE READER

Plea to increase frequency of Mysuru-Dadar Sharavati Express

Sir,

The Railway network under Mysuru Division is witnessing rapid development related to passenger growth, increased traffic post-doubling and electrification and new Railway Stations developed to reduce congestion at Mysuru Railway Station.

The Railway administration should further strive to ensure optimum rail connectivity across India from Mysuru through introduction of more number of new trains and increasing the frequency of some of the long distance trains.

Mysuru is now connected to Mumbai with the only available Weekly Train No. 11035/11036 Mysuru-Dadar Sharavati Express. The train is now operating on every Sunday to Dadar via Hassan-Arsikere-Davanagere-Hubballi-Dharwad-Belagavi-Miraj-Pune-Kalyan route.

However, since its introduction, this train hasn't witnessed much changes related to its increase in frequency, that is, from the existing Weekly service. As also it is given to understand that the current need to connect to financial capital of Mumbai from Mysuru is just beyond a once a week. It is now high time that an effort is made by the Railways to capitalise on the high patronage of this train by increasing its frequency.

Hence it is hereby requested to the South Western Railway administration at Mysuru Division to consider this suggestion to increase the frequency of train number 11035/11036 Mysuru-Dadar Sharavati Express at least into a Bi-weekly or a Tri-weekly service. Further it is also suggested to explore the feasibility of operating a new train to Mumbai via Hassan-Sakleshpur-Mangaluru Junction-Konkan Railway route, if an increase in frequency of Sharavati Express is otherwise not feasible.

— Varun

Bengaluru
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Seminar on 'Technicality of GST Annual Return'

Mysuru, May 23- The Mysore Division Tax Practitioners Association will hold a seminar on "Technicality of GST Annual Return: Form GSTR 9, 9A and 9C Filing, Format, Eligibility & Rules" and "Recent Amendments & Taxability on Real Estate Sector Under GST Act" on May 25 (Saturday) from 10 am to 4.45 pm, at Ground Floor, Devegowda Hall, Rotary School, JLB Road, Mysuru. B.D. Chandrashekar and B.L. Subramanya of *Shekar & Yathish,* Chartered Accountants, Bengaluru, will speak on the above topics. Registration is open for Tax Professionals, Traders and Dealers. For details call K. Surendran (94484-31156) or A.M. Ananthapadmanabha (94480-67753).

Pratibha Puraskar

Mysuru, May 23- Sri Ganiga Educational and Charitable Trust has invited online applications from Ganiga (2A) community students who have scored 85% and above in SSLC and PUC for Pratibha Puraskar. Meritorious students in the district should upload the application along with Aadhaar card, caste certificate and marks card by logging on to *www.sreeganigatrust.org* before June 4. For details, contact Mob: 90366-23608 or 99008-18151.

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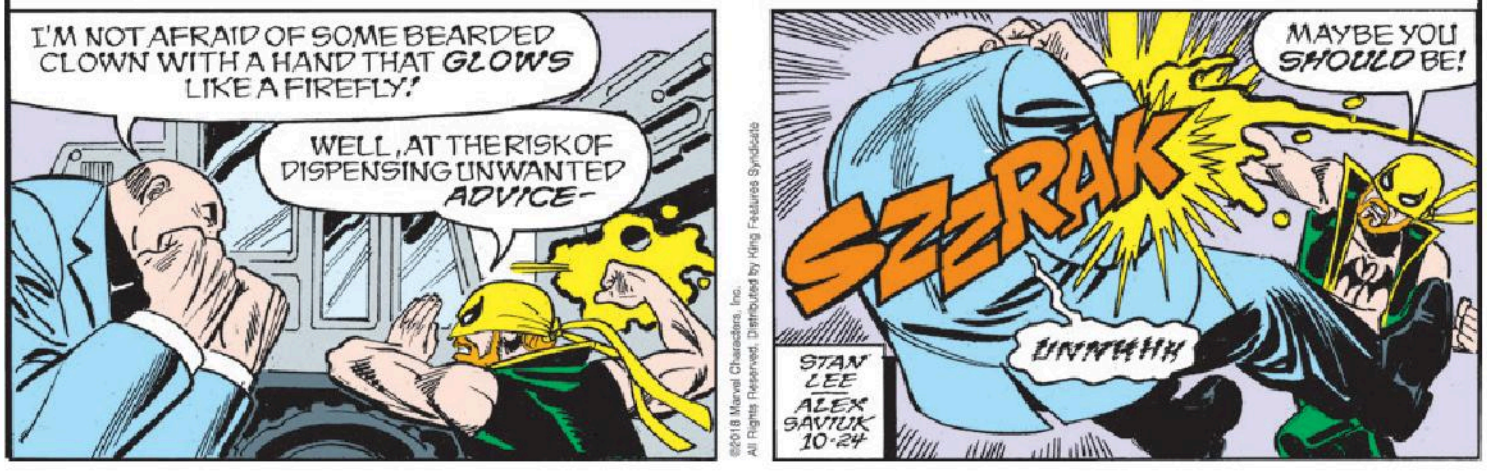
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Pratap Simha leads

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Chamarajanagar is considered as bastion of the Congress but its party candidate and sitting MP R. Dhruvanarayan maintained just 10,000 vote lead against five-time MP and BJP candidate V. Sreenivasa Prasad.

Considered one of the most important regions of Karnataka, the old Mysore Region has played an important role in the formation of the State government in earlier elections. Surprisingly, despite the region being the home turf of former Chief Minister Siddharamaiah, the imminent defeat of C.H. Vijayashankar is considered as set back to the former CM.

Sumalatha Ambarish ahead by 85,000 votes

In a neck-to-neck contest with Nikhil Kumaraswamy in the high-voltage constituency of Mandya, Independent candidate Sumalatha Ambarish was leading by 85,000 votes at the 14th round of the counting. Just three rounds of counting is left and defeat seems to imminent for Nikhil going by the counting trends.

Though Nikhil Kumaraswamy maintained the lead in the first two rounds, Sumalatha recovered and increased her leading margin in the 6th, 7th and 8th rounds. However, from 9th round, Sumalatha did not look back but went on increasing her number of votes and by the 11th round she was assured of clinching victory.

This rural general constituency has an estimated Scheduled Caste population of 14.73% and a Scheduled Tribe population of 1.94%. The estimated literacy level of Mandya is 70.22%.

Former PM H.D. Deve Gowda trailing in Tumakuru

While the counting of votes is still in progress with BJP leading in most constituencies, Tumakuru, which has been a Congress stronghold, is currently under the BJP canopy. G.S. Basavaraj who is contesting elections on BJPs ticket is leading by more than 25,000 votes after the 14th round of counting in the constituency with former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda trailing from the Janata Dal (Secular) party.

One of the most important figures of not just Karnataka but national politics, Deve Gowda contested from Tumkur. He had made a way in his bastion Hassan for his grandson Prajwal Revanna in Hassan and is now seeking another term from the Congress stronghold.

In the 2014 Lok Sabha polls, Congress party's Muddahanumegowda won by 74,041 votes against BJP's G.S. Basavaraj. Interestingly, Basavaraj has won thrice from Congress ticket and once from the BJP in 2009 from Tumkur.

Also, Vokkaligas and Veerashaiva-Lingayats are two dominant groups from this constituency. Deve Gowda represents the Vokkaligas while Basavaraj belongs to the Lingayats.

Modi for second term

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In Varanasi, Prime Minister Modi is leading by over 3 lakh votes and BJP President Amit Shah was leading by over 5 lakh votes in Gandhinagar.

The BJP is doing extremely well in the Hindi heartland, its strong bastions, as well as in the east and in the west. Both in Odisha and West Bengal, the two States where the BJP and its President Amit Shah have focussed to expand the party's base, it is doing well.

The Rahul Gandhi-led Congress' performance appears to be dismal, with the party struggling in both Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh, where the party has won assembly elections just four months ago.

The only relief for the Congress is Punjab and Kerala, where the party-led UDF appears to be sweeping the poll. This appears to be tandem with the party leaders' assessment that party could do well due to the presence of Rahul Gandhi as a candidate in Wayanad.

The most disappointing for the anti-BJP camp has so far been the performance of the Mahagathbandan in Uttar Pradesh where the SP-BSP-RLD alliance was expected to give a tight fight to the BJP which won 71 of the 80 seats in 2014. Going by the general view that the party that captures Uttar Pradesh would rule India, the BJP may be heading for a landslide victory in the 2019 election.

The NDA appears to be sweeping Bihar also.

The BJP is holding on to its absolute dominance in Gujarat, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Delhi and Haryana along with the hill States and is winning number of seats in Karnataka, Jharkhand and Maharashtra.

However, the regional parties in the southern States have contained the BJP's race and disappointed the party leadership in its ambition to grow as a formidable force, except in Karnataka. DMK, which is in alliance with the Congress in Tamil Nadu is sweeping the State while YSRCP is ahead of TDP in Andhra Pradesh and TRS is continuing its dominance in Telangana.

In the campaign, Modi has dominated the scene as the BJP focussed on his image as a strong and decisive leader and the issues of national security.

Karnataka Assembly bypoll results

Along with the LS Poll results, the result of two Assembly segments of the State-Kundgol in Dharwad district and Chincholi in Kalaburagi district, which went to the bypolls on May 19, were announced today.

Congress candidate Kusuma Shivalli won from Kundgol, while BJP candidate Dr. Avinash Jadhav won from Chincholi.

The Kundgol assembly segment fell vacant following the death of Municipal administration Minister C.S. Shivalli while Chincholi seat became vacant after Dr. Umesh Jadhav of the Congress quit the seat and the party and joined the BJP.

Dr. Umesh Jadhav, who contested from Kalaburgi (SC) LS seat from Kalaburagi, was all set to defeat Veteran Congress leader Mallikarjun Kharge in a high voltage contest, as both the BJP and Congress considered winning from this seat as a prestigious issue.

Scenes at Counting Centre in Mysuru

Hearty Breakfast: Amidst the din and dust of counting at the Maharani's College of Commerce and Management on Valmiki Road in Mysuru, Police personnel take a break to have a fullsome breakfast. Picture right shows Police personnel checking the box containing materials including a stove to open the seal the EVMs.

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HEAVYWEIGHTS IN THE BATTLE

CANDIDATE	PARTY	CONSTITUENCY	RESULT
Sunny Deol	BJP	Gurdaspur	Leading
Hema Malini	BJP	Mathura	Leading
Kirron Kher	BJP	Chandigarh	Leading
Jayaprada	BJP	Rampur	Trailing
Urmila Matondkar	Congress	Mumbai North	Trailing
Shatrughan Sinha	Congress	Patna Sahib	Trailing
Moon Moon Sen	TMC	Asansol	Trailing
Babul Supriyo	BJP	Asansol	Leading
Kiren Rijju	BJP	Arunachal West	Leading
Ravi Shankar Prasad	BJP	Patna Sahib	Leading
Manish Tiwari	Congress	Anandpur Sahib	Leading
Manoj Tiwari	BJP	North East Delhi	Leading
Meenakshi Lekhi	BJP	New Delhi	Leading
Mehbooba Mufti	PDP	Anantnag	Trailing
Nitin Gadkari	BJP	Nagpur	Leading
Poonam Mahajan	BJP	Mumbai North Central	Leading
Prakash Raj	Independent	Bangalore Central	Trailing
Raj Babbar	Congress	Fathepur Sikri	Trailing
Sadhvi Pragya Thakur	BJP	Bhopal	Leading
Digvijaya Singh	Congress	Bhopal	Trailing
Sonia Gandhi	Congress	Rae Bareli	Leading
Tejasvi Surya	BJP	Bangalore South	Leading
Amit Shah	BJP	Gandhinagar	Leading
Gautam Gambhir	BJP	East Delhi	Leading
Milind Deora	Congress	Mumbai South	Trailing
Mallikarjun Kharge	Congress	Kalaburgi	Trailing
Shashi Tharoor	Congress	Thiruvananthapuram	Leading
Akhilesh Yadav	SP	Azamgarh	Leading
Ajay Maken	Congress	New Delhi	Trailing

Party Positions 2014 & 2019

2014	Seats	2019	Leading*
NDA	336	NDA	350
UPA	66	UPA	87
Others	107	Others	105

Total seats in 2014 – 543

Total seats in 2019: 542 as elections to Vellore Parliamentary seat was countermanded

*Leading when we went to Press

Rahul Gandhi Vs Smriti Irani: Tough battle in Amethi

Smriti Irani *Rahul Gandhi*

New Delhi, May 23- Congress President Rahul Gandhi is fighting a tough battle in Amethi, his Constituency in Uttar Pradesh since 2004. As early leads came in, Rahul Gandhi was behind the BJP's Smriti Irani but he caught up later. Rahul Gandhi is also contesting from Wayanad in Kerala, where he has been leading since morning.

Amethi, a dusty, largely rural Constituency around 130 km from UP capital Lucknow, features one of the most watched battles in this national election. Smriti campaigned aggressively in Amethi, where she had contested and lost to Rahul Gandhi in 2014 but had managed to reduce his winning margin to one lakh. She kept visiting the Constituency regularly and launched Central schemes there.

Rahul Gandhi, his party's chief campaigner across India, was accused by the BJP of neglecting his Constituency. At the height of the election campaign, the Congress President visited Amethi only once, when he held a road show before filing his nomination papers.

His sister Priyanka Gandhi Vadra campaigned in Amethi and her mother Sonia Gandhi's Raebareli and visited the Constituencies several times. Rahul Gandhi's struggle was telling in his traditional seat, a Congress stronghold that has remained with the Gandhi family for decades. The Congress has not lost the seat in the last three decades, except in 1998.

BJP takes big lead in Karnataka as Coalition stares at collapse

Bengaluru, May 23- The BJP has taken a huge lead in the national election in Karnataka over the Congress and Janata Dal-Secular alliance, which took power in the State exactly a year ago. The BJP was ahead in 23 of the State's 28 Lok Sabha seats. The Congress and JD(S) were ahead in only five in early leads.

Among the prominent candidates, Tejasvi Surya of the BJP, is leading from Bangalore South against Congress' B.K Hariprasad. The JD(S)-Congress coalition appeared to be heading for a disastrous showing in the State after months of internal bickering and strain.

Two days ago, Congress leader Roshan Baig ripped into his party leadership in Karnataka, calling them "buffoons" and a "flop show".

The two parties have struggled to keep the coalition afloat. Some in the Congress accuse the JD(S) of prepping to switch sides to the BJP. The outcome might spell heartbreak for the H.D. Deve Gowda family with the former PM trailing in Tumakuru, his grandson Nikhil Kumaraswamy seeing a tough fight in Mandya. The silver lining is his other grandson, Prajwal Revanna, who is leading in Hassan.

Cracks had already started appearing in the Coalition Government after exit polls predicted a successful outing for the Modi and Shah led BJP in State.

JD(S) Spokesperson Tanvir Ahmed has threatened "trouble" for the coalition if numbers don't favour the alliance today while Congress leader Brijesh Kalappa replied in the same coin, saying poll results 2019 are bound to have an impact on the coalition.

BJP is leading in 23 seats, including in Deve Gowda's Constituency of Tumakuru, Tejasvi's Bangalore North, Bangalore South, Uttara Kannada where Anant Kumar Hegde is contesting as the Party's candidate and Shivamogga where Madhu Bangarappa, son of S. Bangarappa who served as CM for about two years in the 90s, is contesting.

Tejasvi Surya, who is making his political debut as a BJP candidate, is currently leading with a margin of over 1 lakh votes.

The other candidate who is leading with a margin of over a lakh is B.Y. Raghavendra, son of former CM Yeddyurappa, who is contesting from Shivamogga.

2019 is more like 1977 and 1980 than 2014 elections

New Delhi, May 23- The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has firmly established itself as the dominant pole of Indian politics in the 2019 general elections.

If the current trends hold, the 2019 verdict will have a close resemblance to the results of the 1977 and 1980 elections in terms of the dominance of one political party in India. Data scarped from the Election Commission of India (ECI) website shows that at 11.03 am, around 19% of the total votes had been counted in the country. The BJP is leading in 288 Parliamentary Constituencies (PCs) with a vote share of around 40%, nine percentage points more than what it had in 2014.

No political party in India has had such a high level of vote share after the 1984 elections, which were held in an extremely polarised environment months after the assassination of the then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. The Congress had a vote share of 48.1% and it won 415 PCs in the 1984 elections.

The 2019 results, if the current trends hold, will be closer to what the Janata Party and the Congress achieved in the 1977 and 1980 elections. In 1980, the Congress won 353 PCs with an all-India vote share of 42.7%. In 1977, it was the Janata Party which got 295 PCs with a vote share of 41.3%.

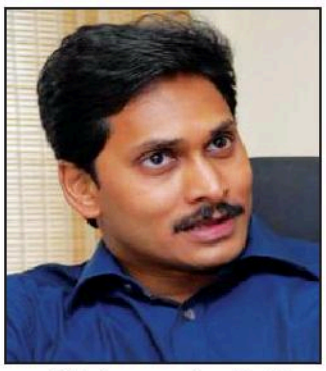
A BJP supporter shouts slogans and holds the party flag as he celebrates in New Delhi this morning.

The 2019 verdict, or what it looks like as of now, also has some regional exceptions to the overall trend, like in 1977 and 1980. Even though the Janata Party swept the northern region of the country in 1977, the Congress performed really well in Andhra Pradesh (41 out of 42 PCs) and Karnataka (26 out of 28 PCs). Similarly in 1980, the Congress could win only 4 PCs in West Bengal despite winning the majority of seats in almost all major States. As of now, the BJP and its partners in the National Democratic Alliance are either leading or making major advances in all major States except Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh, which are voting clearly for the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) led alliance and YSR Congress Party respectively.

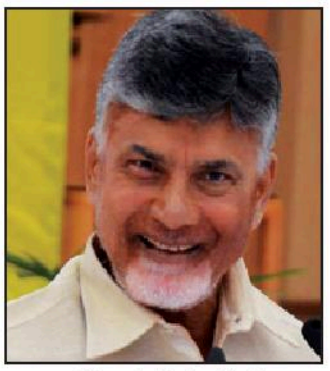
The Congress, despite adding around four percentage points to its 2019 vote share has not been able to make any significant gains in terms of seats. Also, the party has suffered major reverses in the Hindi heartland States of Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh where it defeated the BJP in the 2018 Assembly elections.

After the 2014 elections, when the BJP crossed the half way mark in the Lok Sabha with just 31% vote share, lack of Opposition unity was seen as a key factor behind the party's victory. With the BJP all set to cross the 40% vote share mark, the Opposition will have to reinvent its chemistry with the electorate rather than just arithmetic.

Chandrababu Naidu to step down as Andhra CM



Y.S. Jaganmohan Reddy



Chandrababu Naidu

New Delhi, May 23- Even as YSR Congress Party led by Y.S. Jaganmohan Reddy headed for a landslide victory in the Andhra Pradesh Assembly elections, Andhra Pradesh CM Chandrababu Naidu is likely to quit by this evening.

Naidu's Telugu Desam Party (TDP) was routed both in the Assembly and Lok Sabha Polls, following which Naidu is scheduled to meet Andhra Governor this evening and submit his resignation.

Of the 175 Assembly seats in the State, the YSR Congress is ahead in 146, compared to 28 of the ruling TDP. The majority mark in the Assembly stands at 88. The YSR Congress Party is also leading in more than 20 of the State's 25 seats, while the Telugu Desam Party of Chandrababu Naidu is leading in less than five seats.

For Chandrababu Naidu, who walked out of the NDA after last year's budget, the outlook was grim. It was Jaganmohan Reddy's push for the Statehood issue that's said to be at the bottom of Chandrababu Naidu's move to part company with the BJP and join the Opposition camp.

In view of Reddy's record-breaking *padayatras*, there were questions why the Chief Minister, despite being closer to the Centre, could not get the Special Category status promised to Andhra Pradesh during the bifurcation of Telangana.

Sensex, Nifty hit record highs as early trends hint at NDA win

New Delhi, May 23- Indian stock markets moved higher today as NDA led in over 300 seats according to the latest trends. The Nifty hit 12,000 mark for first time while Sensex also jumped nearly 900 points to cross the 40,000 mark.

Broader markets were also strong with both BSE midcap and smallcap indices rising over 1.5%. Indian stock markets have seen big swings on Lok Sabha election results day going by the experience of the past three Lok Sabha elections.

At 9.55am, the benchmark Sensex was trading at 39,833, up 722 points or 1.85%. The broader Nifty gained 214 points or 1.82% to touch 11,952. Interestingly, India VIX index, which is looked upon as a barometer of near term volatility, drooped over 26%. According to traders, investor sentiment was boosted by initial trends that suggested a win for the ruling NDA.

Amid market euphoria, the rupee also appreciated 26 paise to 69.40 against the US dollar in opening trade. The 30-share index zoomed over 2% to hit an intra-day high of 39,901.59. Similarly, the broader NSE Nifty too spurted more than 2% to touch a record of 11,968.95.

Vedanta, ONGC, Bajaj Auto and Sun Pharma slipped up to 1.92%. Meanwhile, foreign institutional investors sold equity worth Rs. 965.02 crore on Wednesday, while domestic institutional investors sold shares to the tune of Rs. 157.75 crore, provisional data available with stock exchanges showed.

Elsewhere in Asia, bourses in China, Japan and Korea were trading on a negative note in their respective early sessions. Brent crude, the global benchmark, was trading at 70.58 per barrel, lower by 0.58 per cent.

Mandya voters denied of TV viewing as cables are cut again

Mandya, May 23 (NG&SR)- Cable TV viewers in Mandya and surrounding places were denied of watching the counting progress as miscreants had cut the cables belonging to Den Cable Network this morning.

It may be recalled that high voltage Mandya Constituency witnessed a tough contest following the contest of actress Sumalatha, wife of late actor-turned-politician M.H. Ambarish against Congress-JD(S) Coalition Candidate Nikhil Kumaraswamy, son of Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy. This sugar belt grabbed the attention of the media and the country right from the day of filing nomination and till the campaigning ended.

The power cuts and cable TV disruptions were the major issues on the day of filing nominations. Independent candidate Sumalatha Ambarish had levelled strong allegations that the Superintendent of Police of Mandya had been asked to not allow any power cuts or disruption of cable TV when Nikhil Kumaraswamy filed his nomination papers.

She had also alleged that Mandya District Administration had adopted double standards which was unconstitutional and against the democratic principles.

The highest voter turnout of 80.24 per cent in this segment has set off speculation on what the final result it could point to, with both the rival camps reading it in their favour.

The polling in the Constituency was 10.01% higher than that in the 2014 general elections (70.23%) and 26.31% higher than that in the 2018 by-election 53.93%. While Sumalatha's supporters claimed that the voter turnout was high as the people wanted a change, which was backed with intense and emotional campaign by the candidate, the JD(S) leaders claimed that the record turnout was due to consolidation of Congress and JD(S) votes. There was also a lot of betting among the supporters of rival camps over the victory of their candidates.

Meanwhile, on learning about the cables being cut, the technicians of Den Cable Network repaired the cables and set right the problem, it is learnt.

Decoding Mythology

Dr. Devdutt Pattanaik - Author, Speaker, Illustrator, Mythologist

Love for Notre Dame

Notre Dame means Our Lady in French. Though popular as a name for the most famous Parisian church, which recently caught fire, it refers generally to Mary, Mother of Jesus, who plays an important role in Catholic mythology and in medieval European history.

The New Testament of the Bible mentions that, before her marriage, Mary was told that she was chosen by God to be the vessel through which the Son of God would be born on Earth. Though a virgin, she conceived and became the mother of Jesus. This idea of the virgin birth is critical to Christianity.

It establishes Jesus as Christ, the anointed one, chosen by God, to enlighten humanity that they have been forgiven for the sin committed long ago, in Eden, by the first man and the first woman. While many scholars have traced Jesus to a historical figure who lived around 2,000 years ago, his popularity in the Christian world comes from the mythology of being born of a virgin. This idea of virgin birth is found even in Islamic traditions.

About 1,500 years ago, the Roman Empire adopted Christianity as its official religion, as a strategic move to keep its people together. Shortly thereafter, the idea was proposed that Mary should be venerated alongside Jesus, as she was no ordinary woman but the Mother of God. This idea of celebrating and venerating Mary is a primarily Catholic practice and is rejected by the Protestant Church that rose 500 years ago. It preferred to focus on God and Jesus and argued that the worship of the Virgin Mother had nothing to do with the gospels and was a remnant of ancient pagan fertility practices such as worshipping the Egyptian Goddess Isis and her son Horus.

Around a thousand years ago, when the Crusades were being fought between the Christian and Islamic worlds over control of the Holy Land, especially the city of Jerusalem, we find several stories of the knight-in-shining-armour and of courtly love, of men who went into battle, defeating dragons and fighting on behalf of women, who they loved deeply. But their love was 'pure', meaning non-sexual, involving the spirit, not flesh. This idea of pure love, in which a man fought on behalf of a woman, submitting to her completely and unconditionally, was very popular with the bards of the time. It became a model to the various celibate monks, who fought in the Holy Land, such as the Knights Templar, who fought on behalf of Mother Mary, Our Lady, Notre Dame. It is the model found in 007 films, in which James Bond is willing to do anything for Queen and country.

In this period of the Crusades, the famous Notre Dame church was built in Paris, as much for Mary as for Jesus and God. After the French Revolution, which valued liberty and equality and rejected the 'divine right of kings', around 300 years ago, this church was completely desecrated by rational and secular forces, who replaced the image of Mother Mary with that of the Lady of Justice.

Statues of biblical kings were beheaded because they were assumed to be local kings, who the revolutionaries hated. Later, the church was returned to the clergy and has since remained an important symbol of not just Paris, but Europe's Catholic legacy.

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Weekend *Shramdaan* makes public park plastic and empty liquor bottles-free zone

President of Tree Lovers Club M.N. Subramani addressing the volunteers who took part in Shramdaan.

Volunteers collecting the plastic waste and discarded bottles at the Park. Picture right shows Hyder Ali Khan of N.R. Mohalla, popularly known as 'Hasiru Chapparada Saradar,' giving tips to the residents.

Mysuru, May 23 (OSR)- A group of concerned residents, morning walkers and their family members residing in Vijayanagar 3rd Stage, B & C Block, the adjacent Cauvery Layout, Wildgrass Layout and Bogadi North have made the Public Park in Vijayanagar C-Block and its surrounding area measuring about 6 acres plastic, empty liquor bottles and garbage-free zone by picking and disposing them through *Shramdaan*.

School-going children and senior citizens participated in the *Shramdaan* organised under the aegis of city-based **Tree Lovers Club,** an offshoot of VeKare Ex-Servicemen Trust, on May 18.

President of Tree Lovers Club, Mandetira N. Subramani, a retired Senior Non-Commissioned Officer of Indian Air Force, while addressing the gathering said that a few residents had approached him to take up this drive as some miscreants allegedly threw the empty liquor bottles and plastic bags in and around the Park after drinking and eating in the dark between 8 pm and 10 pm.

He said the residents also requested him to approach the District Administration, the jurisdictional Police Station and the Mysuru City Corporation authorities to deter the miscreants from using the Public Park for such illegal activities. Hence, the Tree Lovers Club with the support of like-minded residents organised a *Shramdaan*, he added.

During the 2-hour *Shramdaan,* the participants collected 7 huge bags of empty liquor and plastic bottles and 29 bags of plastic bags and un-dissolvable garbage and disposed them off.

S. Adithya, a 6th std. student of JSS Public School, Mysuru and Sanath A. Wadi, a 2nd PU student who passed out from a College in Alike, DK, suggested the Club to organise such *Shramdaan* every month and requested the citizens to conduct cleanliness drives in their respective areas regularly.

A few senior citizens and ladies said that they would complain to the Police over phone in case they find anybody drinking in the night inside or outside the Park. They also urged the authorities to improve the lighting facilities at all the Parks and Roads.

Appachattolanda Bojappa, Secretary of Tree Lovers Club, was asked to take necessary steps to deter miscreants from indulging in nuisance in and around the Park.

Hyder Ali Khan from N.R. Mohalla, well-known as 'Hasiru Chapparada Saradar' for his skills in pruning and regulating the heights of Honge trees, interacted with the gathering.

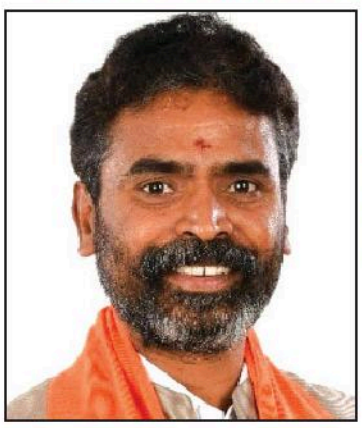
Referring to the statement made by President of Tree Lovers Club that many Honge trees were planted under the electric lines ignorantly by some people, which would pose great danger to human lives when they touch the overhead electrical wires, Hyder Ali Khan requested the Club to get him permission from the Forest Department to prune and regulate the heights of such Honge trees for which he would charge very nominal amount either from the residents who live in the proximity of such Honge trees or from Tree Lovers Club. He opined that pruning the Honge trees and regulating the height would enhance the beauty of the city.

Secretary Bojappa, while proposing a vote of thanks, said the Club would hold *Shramdaan* every two months in and around the Park and subsequently take up other areas in Vijayanagar. Breakfast was served to all the volunteers. Diwakar, an engineer who runs a software company, sponsored the expenses.

The concerned residents may e-mail their suggestions to: *mnsubramani.af@gmail.com* or WhatsApp the message to Mob: 99001-01047.

Also the residents who wish to prune and regulate the height of Honge trees in front of their houses but underneath the power lines, at their own cost, may contact Hyder Ali Khan on Mob: 98451-59067.

BBMP Corporator Muniswamy turns giant killer by defeating 7-time MP Muniyappa



S. Muniswamy (BJP)

K. H. Muniyappa (Cong.)

Bengaluru, May 23- First-time, BJP's candidate and BBMP Corporator S. Muniswamy defeated Congress-JD(S) candidate and seventh-time sitting MP K.H. Muniyappa by a huge margin of more than one lakh votes at the elections held to Kolar Lok Sabha Constituency. The results will be announced officially this evening.

Many voters of the constituency were stunned when BJP chose, an almost unheard, S. Muniswamy for Kolar. The saffron party has fielded this 44-year-old Corporator bypassing Dalit leaders such as D.S. Veeraiah, Chi.a. Ramu and C. Narayanaswamy for the constituency reserved for SC.

Muniswamy has been a low-profile but active low-rung BJP leader in Bengaluru confined to his Municipal Ward of Kadugodi. But he is surely not a known name in Kolar.

Party workers say Muniswamy had been frequenting Kolar in the last six months. "Though he hails from Malur in Kolar, he had moved to Bengaluru at an early age. It was only in the last few months that we saw him in the constituency frequently. Rumours were that he was an aspirant for the LS polls. But none of us knew that he was serious about it and that he would get the ticket," a party worker told *SOM*.

His affidavit says he is an agriculturist. People who know of him say he began his political career as a Panchayat Member and rose to fame in the locality with activities under the Karnataka Janandolana Sanghatane of which he is the Founding-President.

He was elected as a Corporator in 2015 BBMP election due to his incessant work. In 2017, Muniswamy contested as BJP's Mayoral candidate for Bengaluru, but lost against Congress-JD(S) coalition. He is said to have the blessings of Mahadevapura MLA Arvind Limbavali.

Congress' Muniyappa won the previous elections by a margin of 45,000 votes against the JD(S) candidate in the 2014 polls.

Saffron surge in Bengal as Left turns Right

Mamata Banerjee

New Delhi, May 23- Bengal is looking at a saffron surge as the BJP raced towards an impressive score and was closing the gap fast with Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's Trinamool Congress as votes were counted today. The Trinamool is ahead in 22 of the State's 42 seats, BJP is ahead in 18.

Mamata Banerjee seems set to concede much ground to the BJP in the State she has ruled since 2012. The BJP's performance shows the party has been able to make inroads in the State over the past few years. Analysts read the results in Bengal as the "Left turning Right."

It is the BJP, not the Trinamool that has benefited from the Left, which lost power in the State in 2012 after three decades of power, the Left's vote share of 6 percent has transferred to the BJP, analysts say.

In 2014, the BJP had won just two seats in the State. Since then, the party campaigned hard in what appeared to be an unbreachable Trinamool fortress.

Over the past two years, the BJP's efforts on the ground saw multiple confrontations with the State Government, especially over rallies and marches held on religious events, and chants of "Jai Shri Ram" competing with the traditional "Ma Durga". With an increased tally in the State, the BJP is expected to dial up its campaign to take Bengal in the 2021 Assembly polls.

The Chief Minister is accused by her critics letting many voters slip out her grasp with her "pro-minority" policies and with her poor control over unruly elements in her party, who were accused of poll violence and rigging.

Tight Security around counting centre in city

Everyone had to pass through five metal detectors before entering the counting centre — Maharani's College of Commerce and Management. Picture right shows tight Police security on Valmiki Road that leads to the counting centre.

Mysuru, May 23 (RKB&DM)- Even as the counting of votes for the Mysuru-Kodagu Lok Sabha seat began at Maharani's College of Commerce and Management, Valmiki Road, Paduvarahalli (Vinayakanagar) in city at 8 am today, tight security was provided all around the centre to ensure smooth counting.

A Mobile Command Centre vehicle, fitted with a high-definition camera, which can cover a distance of up to 700 mts, was stationed close to the entrance gate of the centre.

The District Administration has installed more than 60 CCTV cameras in and around the centre and personnel were deployed for constant monitoring of the cameras, to ensure free and transparent counting of votes.

Unauthorised persons were not allowed inside the centre.

An inside view of the counting centre. Picture right shows women Police personnel gurarding the counting centre in city

MYSORE TRAIN TIMINGS

Train No.	Name	Dep. Mys	Arr. B'lore	Dep. B'lore	Arr. Mys
22818/22817	Mysore-Howrah Weekly Express	12.30 am (Mon)	02.50 am (Mon)	01.00 am (Sun)	03.45 am (Sun)
12610/12609	Mysuru-Chennai Express (Super Fast)	04.45 am	07.45 am	08.10 pm	11.30 pm
16217/16218	Mysore-Sainagar Shirdi Weekly Express	05.30 am (Mon)	08.00 am (Mon)	03.30 am (Thu)	06.00am (Thu)
17326/17325	Vishwa Manava Express (Hubballi-Mysuru-Hubballi Daily)	05.50 am	08.55 am	05.45 pm	08.40 pm
[NOTE: This extended train 17326 departs Ashokapuram at 5.15 am to reach Mysore City Railway Station at 5.25 am; Similarly, on arrival, Train No. 17325 will leave Mysore City Railway Station at 8.55 pm to reach Ashokapuram at 9.15 pm].					
56231/56232	Mysore-Bangalore Passenger	06.10 am	09.15 am	09.20 am	12.45 pm
16215/16216	Chamundi Express	06.45 am	09.30 am	06.15 pm	09.05 pm
12578/12577	Mysore-Dharbanga Weekly Express	07.20 am (Sat)	09.55 am (Sat)	08.50 pm (Thu)	11.30 pm (Thu)
16229/16230	Mysore-Varanasi Bi-weekly Express	07.20 am	09.55 am	12.15 am	02.45 am
		(Tue & Thu)		(Sunday and Tuesday)	
16023/16024	Mysore-Yelahanka-Malgudi Exp. (Super Fast)	08.25 am	10.55 am	01.30 pm	04.00 pm
56281/56282	Chamarajnagar-Bangalore Passenger	09.05 am	12.40 pm	03.30 pm	06.40 pm
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		(Thursday and Saturday)		(Wednesday and Friday)	

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16210/16209	Mysore-AjmerMysore Express	06.35 pm	09.30 pm	03.30 am	06.00 am
		(Tuesday and Thursday)		(Sunday and Tuesday)	
16592/16591	Mysore-Hubli Hampi Express	07.00 pm	09.55 pm	06.20 am	09.10 am
16227/16228	Mysore-Talaguppa-Mysore Express	07.30 pm	10.30 pm	04.30 am	07.45 am
22681/22682	Mysore-Chennai Weekly SF Express	08.10 pm (Wed)	10.50 pm (Wed)	05.35 am (Fri)	08.10 am (Fri)
16022/16021	Cauvery Express (to Chennai)	09.00 pm	11.45 pm	04.00 am	06.40 am
11065/11066	Mysore-Renigunta Express	10.55 pm (Fri)	01.19 am (Sat)	12.30 am (Sun)	03.10am(Sun)
06576/06575	Mysuru-KSR B'luru City MEMU Special	11.05 pm	01.50 am	07.50 pm	10.40 pm
		(Wed, Thursday, Fri & Saturday)		(Wed, Thur, Friday & Saturday)	
56263/56264	Mysore-Bangalore Passenger	11.55 pm	04.15 am	11.55 pm	04.15 am

TOWARDS NANJANGUD /CHAMARAJNAGAR (Passengers)

Train No.	Name	Dep. Mys	Arr. Ch'nagar	Dep. Ch'nagar	Arr. Mys
56202/56281	Mysore-Chamarajanagar	05.00 am	06.40 am	07.00 am	09.00 am
56204/56203	Mysore-Chamarajanagar	07.20 am	09.10 am	12.40 pm	02.35 pm
56206/56205	Mysore-Nanjangud	09.00 am	09.55 am (N'gud)	10.45 am (N'gud)	11.45 am
16220/16219	Tirupati-Chamarajanagar	10.30 am	12.30 pm	03.10 pm	04.45 pm
56210/56209	Mysore-Chamarajanagar	12.35 pm	02.35 pm	06.00 pm	08.00 pm
56208/56207	Mysore-Chamarajanagar	03.00 pm	04.40 pm	04.55 pm	06.40 pm
56282/56201	Mysore-Chamarajanagar	06.45 pm	08.40pm	08.55 pm	10.45 pm

TOWARDS HASSAN/ ARSIKERE

Train No.	Name	Dep. Mys	Arr. A'kere	Dep. A'kere	Arr. Mys
11036/11035	Mysore-Dadar Sharavathi Express	06.15 am	09.10 am	06.05 pm	09.40 pm
		(Sunday)		(Friday)	
56266/56265	Mysore-Arsikere Passenger	06.30 am	10.40 am	05.30 pm	09.30 pm
56216/56215	Mysore-Hassan-Yesvantpur Passenger	07.45 am	03.40 pm	12.15 pm	08.05 pm
			(Yesvantpur)	(Yesvantpur)	
56270/56269	Mysore-Shimoga Town Passenger	10.20 am	01.45 pm	12.30 pm	04.30 pm
56268/56267	Mysore-Arsikere Passenger	06.20 pm	10.40 pm	05.00 am	09.25 am
12781/12782	Mysore-Nizamuddin (New Delhi) Swarna Jayanthi Superfast Weekly Exp.	08.10 pm	11.05 pm	01.40 am	04.55 am
		(Friday)		(Wednesday)	
17301/17302	Mysore-Dharwad Express	10.30 pm	01.30 am	03.10 am	07.05 am
		Dep. Mys	Arr. Shimoga	Dep. Shimoga	Arr.Mys
16206/16205	Mysore-Talaguppa Express	06.00 am	10.53 am	04.40 pm	10.15 pm
56276/56275	Mysore-Shimoga Passenger	02.00 pm	08.55 pm	07.50 am	02.50 pm

TOWARDS BANGALORE/ MANGALORE

Train No.	Name	Departure	Arrival
16517/16523	Bengaluru-Kannur / Karwar Express	08.30 pm (B'lore)	11.00 pm (Mysore) [Sunday, Monday & Tuesday]
16518/16524	Kannur/ Karwar-Bengaluru Express	05.30 am (Mysore)	08.00 am (B'lore) [Friday, Saturday & Sunday]

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1) Booking Office, Mysore Railway Station
2) Tejaswi Enterprises, # 115, opposite Thaponandana Park, Panchamanthra Road, Kuvempunagar, Mysore570 023 (Ph: 2341111)
3) Ravitheja Enterprises #514 Bharath Mansion, New Kalidasa Road, Vijayanagar 1st stage, Mysore (08214256789).

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Two held for snatching gold chains, lifting bike

Three gold chains and bike worth about Rs.2.5 lakh recovered

Mysuru, May 23 (KS)- Narasimharaja (NR) Police, who have arrested two persons on charges of snatching gold chains from women and lifting a bike in city, have recovered three gold chains and the stolen bike from them.

The arrested have been identified as 24-year-old Mohammed Ibrahim of Kalyangiri and 30-year-old Mohammed Imran of Ghousianagar in city.

The accused on Jan.5 had snatched a gold chain of a woman at Karunapura and had also snatched a gold chain of an elderly woman at R.S. Naidu Nagar on Feb.6. They had also lifted a Hero Honda bike on Ramanuja Road in K.R. Mohalla.

Based on the information provided by them, the Police have recovered three gold chains weighing about 65 grams and worth about Rs. 2.2 lakh and the Hero Honda bike worth about Rs.30,000 from them.

Following their arrest, the Police have solved two chain snatching cases in NR Police limits and a bike lifting case in KR Police limits.

DCP M. Muthuraj and NR Sub-Division ACP Dharanesh supervised NR Inspector B. Basavaraju, SI Anand and staff Ramesh, Manjunath, Mahadeva and Ramesh in the nabbing and recovery operation.

Woman suspects grandson's friend of stealing gold chain

Mysuru, May 23 (SPN&KS)- A woman, suspecting that her grandson's friend had allegedly stolen her gold chain which was kept in the almirah before she left for a hospital, has lodged a complaint with Hebbal Police in this regard. According to the complaint, the woman, identified as Rathnamma, a resident of Hebbal, was going out of the house to go to a hospital for a health check-up when her grandson Sharath's friend Nithin came to the house asking for Sharath.

When Rathnamma told Nithin that Sharath was not in the house and come back later. But Nithin is said to have told Rathnamma that he wanted to speak to Sharath urgently and would wait for him besides asking Rathnamma to proceed to the hospital.

Rathnamma, then left for the hospital and when she returned after some time, Nithin was shocked to see her and left the house in a hurry. Suspecting something fishy, she checked the almirah only to find the 28 grams gold chain missing. Suspecting that Nithin may have stolen the gold chain, Rathnamma has lodged a complaint with Hebbal Police urging them to conduct an enquiry on Nithin.

Obituary

Prof. M. Nagaraj

Mysuru, May 23- Prof. M. Nagaraj (98), the first Vice-Chancellor of Gulbarga University (1980-84), passed away this morning at his residence in Jayanagar.

He leaves behind two sons, a daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral this evening at the burial ground near RMP Quarters in Kuvempunagar.

Prof. Nagaraj had also served as the Principal of Yuvaraja's College and Sahyadri College, Shivamogga.

He was the Head of the Department of Botany at Bangalore University before he became the first VC of Gulbarga University.

After his retirement, he was the Professor Emeritus in the Botany Department, University of Mysore (UoM).

Sunita S. Manchanda

Sunita S. Manchanda (60),

wife of Susheel Babu Manchanda, a resident of Gokulam, passed away this morning, at her residence, following illness. She leaves behind her husband, a son and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed this afternoon at the foot Chamundi Hill.

M.H. Veeranna

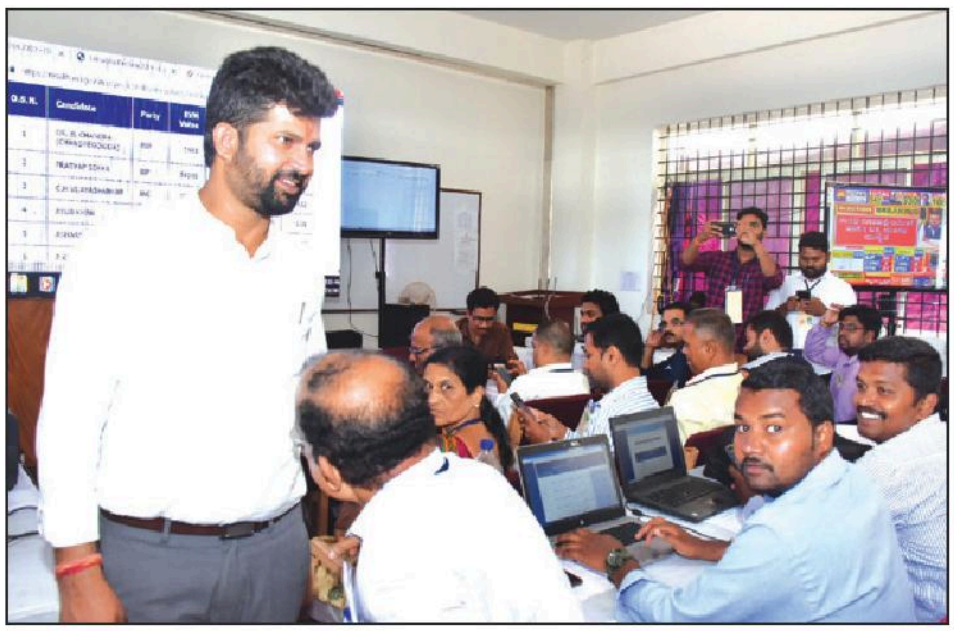
M.H. Veeranna (73), proprietor

of Prabath Electricals at Agrahara, passed away yesterday in city.

He leaves behind two daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at the Veerashaiva Burial Grounds in Vidyaranyapuram here this afternoon.

Mysuru-Kodagu: BJP's Pratap Simha looks upbeat, C.H. Vijayashankar of Congress keeps mum



BUOYANT: *Mysuru-Kodagu Lok Sabha BJP candidate Pratap Simha in an ecstatic mood at the Media Centre in Maharani's College of Commerce and Management.*

BRAVE FRONT: *Mysuru-Kodagu Congress-JD(S) Coalition candidate C.H. Vijayashankar seen with leaders M. Lakshman, H.A. Venkatesh and BSP City President Dr. Basavaraju.*

Mysuru, May 23 (PM&NNN)- Maharani's College of Commerce and Management on Valmiki Road, which is the counting centre for Mysuru-Kodagu Lok Sabha constituency, was abuzz right from 6 am today as the whole place has been turned into a fortress.

Apart from the Polling Officials, it was the Congress-JD(S) coalition candidate C.H. Vijayashankar who arrived as early as 6.45 am and went into the counting centre along with his agents and has stayed put there.

Meanwhile, BJP candidate and MP Pratap Simha in a white shirt tucked into the pant, with sleeves rolled up, and exuding total confidence, arrived at the venue along with his wife Arpitha Simha at 9 am, after offering puja to Goddess Chamundeshwari atop Chamundi Hill.

Addressing the media, Simha said that Simha (lion) which is the chariot of Goddess Chamundeshwari, is not going to let him down this time too. "When I came to Mysuru in 2014, I was a greenhorn but Goddess Chamundeshwari blessed me immensely and this time too because of her blessings, I am going to win," he said.

According to Pratap Simha, he has worked hard since the last five years for the development of the Mysuru-Kodagu constituency and he has utilised the MP LAD (Local Area Development) Fund better than other MPs in the State and hence he had the blessings of every voter in the constituency.

He later went to the Media Room, leaving behind his wife and watched the TV installed there for some time and then left.

However, Vijayashankar, in a full white dress, who left the counting centre at 12.45 pm, told the media that there was still 10 rounds of counting and he remains optimistic.

There is tight Police security on Valmiki Road and the whole road has been cordoned off. However, the vehicles on Hunsur Road continued to ply.

Ch'nagar: Confident R. Dhruvanarayan

V. Sreenivasa Prasad (BJP)

LONE RANGER: *Chamarajanagar Congress-JD(S) coalition candidate R. Dhruvanarayan sipping coffee at the Government Engineering College counting centre in Chamarajanagar early in the morning.*

Chamarajanagar: MP and LS contestant R. Dhruvanarayan drove straight from his house in Mysuru to Chamarajanagar and reached the counting centre set up at the Government Engineering College, Bedarapura.

He was there at the dot of 7 am even as the locks of the counting centre were opened.

He told *SOM* that he did not visit any temples but offered puja at his house and drove straight to the centre. He sipped coffee at the centre and later visited the Media Centre and watched the television.

However, V. Sreenivasa Prasad, the BJP candidate, was conspicuous by his absence even at 10 am.

Cellphone deposit centre

The mobile phones belonging to the Poll Officials have been safely deposited in one of the rooms of the counting centres with the last three digit mobile phone numbers of the respective owners mentioned on the gadgets.

Counting affects wedding

Even as the supporters of various candidates at the counting centre in Maharani's College of Commerce and Management on Valmiki Road were busy with the counting, in the neighbouring Smt. H. Leela Channaiah Kalyan Mantap, the attendance at the marriage of Nagashree from Mysuru and M.D. Arun from Bengaluru was very thin.

The couple's families were expecting nearly 1,500 guests. But hardly 300 to 350 turned up.

When asked the reason for the thin attendance, one of the relatives of the bride said that as the Kalyan Mantap was right next to the counting centre, the guests who were to attend the wedding found it very difficult to pass through the barricades set up and the tight Police security. Hence, many of them might have decided to skip the wedding, he felt.

EMPTY LOOK: *Smt. H. Leela Channaiah Kalyan Mantap right next to the Maharani's College of Commerce and Management where a wedding is going on wears an empty look.*

The meal has been cooked for nearly 1,500 guests and the worry for the families is that it might go waste.

However, the Police, it is said, had given permission to perform the wedding.

Indo-Intl. Premier Kabaddi League reaches Mysuru

Mysuru, May 23- Indo-International Premier Kabaddi League (IIPKL) reaches Mysuru after a successful leg in Pune with the first game set to be played tomorrow (May 24).

The league, which kicked off in Pune on May 13, has witnessed many power-packed and nail-biting matches and from May 24 to 29 action shifted to Mysuru at Chamundi Vihar Stadium.

With the semi-final spots up for grabs, the Mysuru leg will be the last chance for the teams lagging behind in the race. The Chamundi Vihar Stadium in city will play host to 17 matches of the league. The final leg will then take place in Bengaluru with the playoffs and the final, scheduled at Sri Kanteerava Stadium.

The matches which are being contested in two zones, Zone-A and Zone-B, has seen Pune emerge as the clear leaders in Zone-A. The other teams in the group have had a mixed set of results as Pondicherry Predators and Bangalore Rhinos both sit on two wins each and Haryana have just one win in their kitty.

Delhi on the other hand, has led Zone-B with four wins and one draw, garnering nine points from their five matches. Chennai Challengers stand in second position in their zone.

The only team from Karnataka, Bangalore Rhinos will be looking to make amends for the matches they lost in Pune and gain momentum with the local crowd backing the team.

Commenting before the start of the Mysuru leg, Bangalore Rhinos Captain, Vipin Malik said, "All our matches have been really close and even if we have lost in three matches we haven't lost them by exponential score lines. We have had some teething issues but we are for sure sorting them out. We want to make sure that we start the Mysuru leg on a positive note as we play Haryana Heros in our first match. Having beaten them already we have a strong belief that we can repeat the same result here as well. Once we catch momentum we are pretty sure we can make it to the semi-finals."

The first day of the leg will see three matches being played. Zone-A toppers Pune Pride will be up against the Pondicherry Predators; in another Zone-A encounter, Bangalore will face Haryana and in the last match of the day in Zone-B, Diler Delhi will look to continue their successful run as they face Telugu Bulls.

DSport, the official broadcasters of the league, will broadcast all the games Live from 8 pm onwards. The games can also be witnessed live on MTV and MTV HD+, DD SPORTS, Polimer Music, DD SPORTS, DD Chandana and Kerala Vision television channels.

Tickets can be purchased at the ticket counter of the Chamundi Vihar Indoor Stadium, Mysuru or they can also be purchased online at the *BookMyShow* app.

KSCA U-23 selection trials preponed

Mysuru, May 23- The selection trials to select the U-23 years Mysuru Zone team for the Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA) Inter-Zonal S.A. Srinivasan Memorial Tournament - 2019, which was scheduled to be held at SDNR Wadiyar Ground on June 2, has been preponed to May 30.

Players may register their names with original age proof certificate along with a photocopy at the KSCA Mysuru Zone office before May 28 (5 pm). Players born on or after Sept.1, 1996 are eligible to participate in the selection. [Ph: 0821-2519900]

Tennis: Prajwal, Suraj enter pre-quarters

Kampala, May 23- Mysuru lads S.D. Prajwal Dev and Suraj R. Prabodh, representing India in the $25,000 ITF Men's Tennis Tournament at Kampala, Uganda, on Wednesday won their respective Singles matches and moved into the pre-quarterfinals.

In the first round of Singles event, Prajwal scored a well-earned 2-6, 6-3, 6-1 win over Diego Fernandez Flores of Chile, while Suraj Prabodh got the better of Russian Sergey Bolotov 7-5, 7-5 to enter pre-quarters.

Prajwal *Suraj*

In the Doubles pre-quarterfinals, William Bushamaka (US) & Mehuli Don Ayanda Sibanda (Zim) got the better of Suraj R. Prabodh and Dipanshu Garg 6-1, 6-3 to enter the last eight stage of the Tourney.

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Coffee Board courts cat poop controversy

- **Issues notice to producer of Civet Cat Coffee in Kodagu; files Police complaint**
- **Plaint closed as there is no evidence of cats being reared and tortured for poop**

Mysuru, May 23- The Coffee Board has issued notice to Coorg Consolidated Commodities regarding what it calls 'unauthorised sale of Civet Coffee'. The notice has been issued by Deputy Director, Extension, Coffee Board, to Thamoo Poovaiah who markets Civet Coffee in Kodagu.

India, Asia's third-largest producer and exporter of coffee, has been producing the world's most expensive coffee, made from the poop of Civet Cat, on a small scale in Kodagu district. The Civet Coffee, also called as Luwark coffee, is expensive because of uncommon method of producing such a coffee. It is produced from the coffee beans digested by Civet Cat.

The faeces of this cat are collected, processed and sold. It is highly priced because it is claimed to be more nutritious and high cost involved in sourcing the animal dropping, wastage during processing and quality certification.

The Coffee Board notice, the copy of which is with *Star of Mysore*, states that the sale of Civet Coffee is banned under Wildlife Act. "It is surprising how can you brand and sell Civet Coffee when you don't own wild cats in your estate. You are procuring raw coffee in the form of faeces of wild cats which is sold by persons who are known to you," the notice states.

The Coffee Board has asked Thamoo Poovaiah, who is the managing partner of Coorg Consolidated Commodities that markets the Civet Coffee in brand Ainmane, to provide the names and addresses of those persons who supply Civet Coffee to him.

Police complaint

In addition to sending a notice, the Coffee Board also filed a complaint against Thamoo Poovaiah with the Kodagu SP for allegedly rearing Civet Cats to produce Civet Coffee. The complaint mentions that a well-known animal rights activist has alleged that worldwide, Civet Cats are confined and force-fed coffee cherries for them to produce poop. The complaint alleges that even Thamoo Poovaiah rears Civet Cats in confinement to produce the expensive coffee. Rearing such cats in cages is illegal and punishable under Wildlife Act as it is one of the most endangered species in the world.

Complaint closed

Following the complaint, the case was transferred to Madikeri Rural Police Station and the Police, armed with a search warrant issued by Madikeri Additional Civil Judge and JMFC Court, conducted an inspection of Poovaiah's estate near Kadagadalu along with Coffee Board and Forest Dept. officials. The team discovered that Civet Cats are not reared at the estate and the case has been closed now and the same has been communicated to the Court.

Reacting on the Coffee Board notice and the subsequent lodging of the case, Poovaiah told *SOM* that his firm procures Civet Cat poop through legal means and in no way the endangered species are confined and tortured as alleged by Coffee Board.

'False and malicious complaint'

"This is a false and malicious case. If at all there is a violation in the Wildlife Act, the Forest Department must take action. Why is Coffee Board involved in this? Actually, Coffee Board should be promoting rare coffee produce such as Civet Coffee which are famous worldwide rather than harassing growers who are popularising such exotic coffee," he said.

"In reply to the Coffee Board notice, I have set them a legal notice asking clarification on their move and how could they act autocratically in collusion with some animal rights activist that they have not named. Their move to lodge complaint and search my premises will amount to defamation and I am ready to take them on in the Court of law," Thamoo Poovaiah added.

Now SHOWING

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
KANNADA			
Kaarmoda Sarisu	Prabha	2423569	4 Shows
Ratnamanjarii	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows
	Lakshmi	2443584	M.Show
Kanchana 3	Lakshmi	2443584	3 Shows
Howla Howla	Sangam	2520494	M.Show
99	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
Kavaludaari	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
Premier Padmini	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
Yajamana	Skyline	2481170	4 Shows
HINDI			
Stepney 2 Returns	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
TAMIL			
Mr. Local	Mahadeshwara	9986022634	4 Shows
	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows
	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows
Ayogya	Sangam	2520494	3 Shows
TELUGU			
Vinaya Vidheya Rama	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows
Maharshi	Lido	2420885	4 Shows
	Padma	2521923	4 Shows
Magnet	Uma	2520009	4 Shows

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Avengers: Endgame (E-3D)	(S-1)	9.50 am
	(S-4)	6.30 pm
Mr. Local (Ta)	(S-1)	1.15 pm
Premier Padmini (K)	(S-1)	4.15 pm
Maharshi (Te)	(S-1)	6.35 pm; (S-2) 10 am
	(S-3)	3.55 pm
De De Pyaar De (H)	(S-1)	9.55 pm
	(S-3)	1.15 pm, 7.15 pm
Bell Bottom (K)	(S-2)	1.30 pm
The Tashkent Files (H)	(S-2)	4.10 pm
ABCD (Te)	(S-2)	7.05 pm
	(S-4)	9.55 pm
Ratnamanjarii (K)	(S-2)	9.55 pm
Natpuna Ennanu Theriyuma (Ta)	(S-3)	10.45 am
John Wick: Chapter 3 – Parabellum (E)	(S-3)	9.55 pm
Mookavismitha (K)	(S-4)	10.30 am
Student Of The Year 2 (H)	(S-4)	1.15 pm
Pokemon Detective Pirachu (E)	(S-4)	4.10 pm

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De De Pyaar De (H)	(S-1)	10.15 am, 1.05 pm, 3.55 pm, 6.45 pm
	(S-2)	9.55 pm
Maharshi (Te)	(S-2)	4.00 pm; (S-3) 9.40 pm
Kaarmoda Saridu (K)	(S-4)	1.20 pm
Avengers: Endgame (E-3D)	(S-1)	9.35 pm
Student Of The Year -2 (H)	(S-3)	10.05 am, 6.40 pm
	(S-2)	1.00 pm
Howla Howla (K)	(S-3)	4.15 pm
Ratnamanjari (K)	(S-4)	6.45 pm
Mr. Local (Ta)	(S-3)	1.05 pm; (S-4) 9.50 pm
Pokemon Detective Pirachu (E)	(S-4)	11.00 am; (S-2) 7.35 pm
ABCD (Te)	(S-2)	9.55 am
	(S-4)	3.40 pm

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Mr. Local (Ta)	9.30 am, 6.35 pm
De De Pyaar De (H)	9.35 am, 12.30 pm, 3.55, 7.05, 10 pm
ABCD (Te)	9.45 am, 6.40 pm
Maharshi (Te)	9.55 am, 3.25 pm, 10.00 pm
Student Of The Year 2 (H)	12.45 pm, 6.50 pm, 9.50 pm
Premier Padmini (K)	12.55 pm
Kaarmoda Saridu (K)	1.35 pm
Ratnamanjarii (K)	3:30 pm
Howla Howla (K)	4.05 pm
Avengers: Endgame (E-3D)	9.50 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

EVENTS TODAY (MAY 23)

JSS Mahavidyapeetha - JSS Mysuru Urban Haat: 104th thematic handicrafts exhibition, Urban Haat premises, #Plot No. 432, Ring Road, Hebbal Industrial Area, **up to 9 pm.**

Solitaire Art Gallery: 'Splendour of water colours,' an exhibition of painting by H.P. Rangaswamy, Gallery premises, 9th Cross, near Ganesha Temple, Gokulam 3rd Stage, **up to 7 pm.**

Sri Srinivasa Swamy Temple: Annual Celebrations, Rakshabandhana, Kalyanotsava, Temple Road, Tilak Nagar, **6 pm.**

Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama: Swami Jnanayoganandaji speaks on 'Sri Durga Sapthashati,' Ashrama, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**

Sri Avadhoota Datta Peetham - Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashrama: 77th Birthday of Sri Ganapathy Swamiji, 20th Brahmotsava of Sri Datta Venkateshwara Kshetra and 21st Anniversary of Nada Mantapa, Teppotsava of Sri Datta Venkateshwaraswamy in Saptarshi Sarovara, Ashrama premises, Dattanagar, **6.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (MAY 24)

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JSS Mysuru Urban Haat: 104th thematic handicrafts exhibition, Urban Haat premises, Hebbal Industrial Area, **10 am to 9 pm.**

Solitaire Art Gallery: 'Splendour of water colours,' an exhibition of painting by H.P. Rangaswamy, Gallery premises, Gokulam 3rd Stage, **10 am to 7 pm.**

Horticulture Department: Mango and Jackfruit Mela-2019, Mysuru Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar will inaugurates, Curzon Park, **11.30 am.**

Sri Srinivasa Swamy Temple: Annual Celebrations, Mudi Utsava, Garudotsava, Temple Road, Tilak Nagar, **6 pm.**

Vijay Foundation and Heartfulness Education Trust, Mysuru: Talk on 'Achieving Full Potential in Life' by Dr. Dr. P.R. Mukund, Founding-President and CTO of NanoArk Corporation, Pittsford, NY, US, S.P. Bhat Hall, Institution of Engineers-India (IEI), Mysuru, **6 pm.**

Ganabharathi: Karnatak Vocal Concert by Vidu. Krithika Srinivasan, accompanied by Vidu. Shruthi on violin and Vid. M.R. Manjunath on mridanga, **6 pm to 7.30 pm;** Concert by Vid. K.V. Krishnaparasad, accompanied by Vidu. Shruthi on violin and Vid. M.R. Manjunath on mridanga, Veene Seshanna Bhavana, Adichunchanagiri Road, Kuvempunagar, **7.30 pm to 9 pm.**

Admission to Ashram Schools and Hostels

Mysuru, May 23- The Mysuru District Scheduled Tribes (ST) Welfare Department has invited applications from SC/ST and Other Backward Community students for admission to 18 pre-matric and five post-matric hostels as well as 21 Ashram Schools.

Students studying from 5th std. to 10th std. are eligible for admission to pre-matric hostel and students from 1st std. to 7th std. are eligible for admission to Ashram Schools.

These hostels and Ashram Schools will provide free accommodation, food, uniform, study materials and other necessary materials to students.

Interested students can apply online *(www.tw.kar.nic.in)* before June 15 and submit application form to Wardens of the respective hostels while direct admission has been organised for students seeking admission to Ashram School and should submit application form to respective head masters of the Ashram School before June 15.

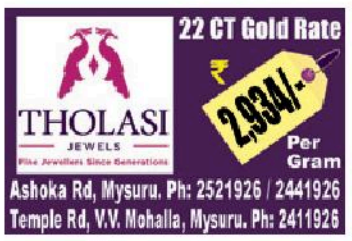
Day-long session on Figurative Portraits

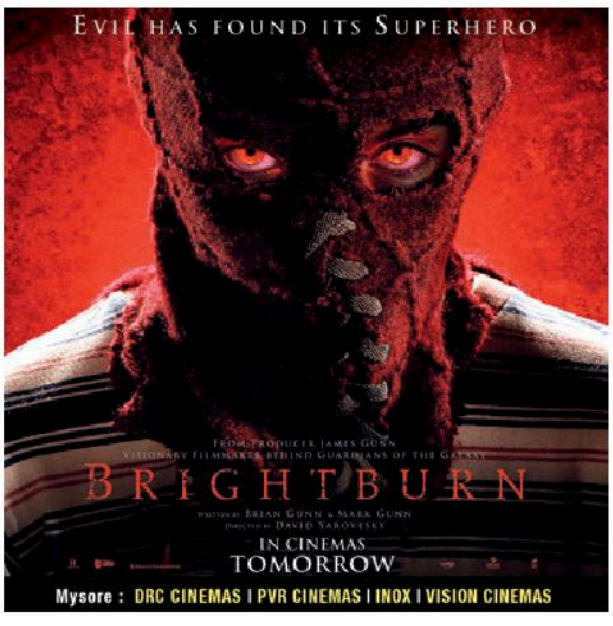
Mysuru, May 23- The Hobby Place, one of a kind Art Studio and Hobby Centre in city, will host a transformational workshop on painting figurative portraits with renowned Bengaluru-based artist Murali Krishna on May 26.

This workshop aims to inspire people to unlock and maximise their creative potential and reclaim their passion for art.

Artist, design consultant and teacher, Murali Krishna is a creative and critical thinker. His paintings have been featured on the cover page of magazines, publications, online museums, and exhibitions. Participants in the age group of 15 years and above can apply for the session, according to Savitha Ranga, Owner, The Hobby Place, which offers a variety of art classes and workshops for the aspiring, experienced and the recreational art enthusiasts, all year around.

For details and registrations, contact Mob: 96208-47069.





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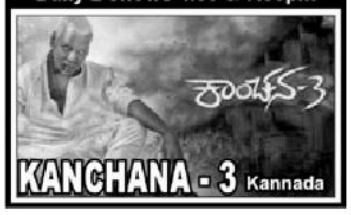

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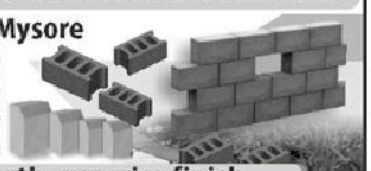
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